

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fixing for supporting fire-resistant composite glazing on a subconstruction with the composite glazing formed of an assembly of a main glazed element and an additional pane, the fixing comprising

at least one support for fixing the main glazed element to the subconstruction ~~without contacting the additional pane~~ and

at least one retaining element, wherein

the retaining element is configured and dimensioned to permit the additional pane to be disposed in a first position proximate the glazed element and a second supported position different than the first position and spaced therefrom from the first position.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the at least one support fixes the glazed element by force or positive engagement.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein in the first position the additional pane is bonded to the main glazed element.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining element is fixed at least indirectly to the main glazed element.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane has at least one opening through which a support of the at least one retaining element passes.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 5, wherein the at least one opening comprises a through-bore and the at least one retaining element comprises a ring, disk, ring segment or disk segment, wherein an outside diameter of the at least one retaining element is larger than the through-bore.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane defines a first plane, the support intersects the first plane, and the at least one retaining element is fixed to the support.

Claim 8 (Original): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane is prestressed or partially prestressed.

Claim 9 (Original): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane comprises at least two sheets assembled with one another.

Claim 10 (Original): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane is provided with a heat-reflective coating.

Claim 11 (Original): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the additional pane comprises a monolithic or multilayer fire-resistant pane.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the main glazed element comprises a pane of laminated glass.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the main glazed element comprises insulating glazing having at least two sheets of glass assembled with one another by a spacing frame.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the main glazed element comprises at least one pane formed of prestressed or partially prestressed glass.

Claim 15 (Original): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the composite glazing is an oblique glazing or roof glazing and the composite glazing is at least one of a large-area type and frameless type.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The fixing of claim 1, wherein an intermediate insulating gap is formed between the main glazed element and the additional pane when the additional pane is in the supported position.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A fixing for supporting a composite glazing formed of at least one glass element and an additional pane, the fixing comprising:

a support;

a safety element coupled to the support and spaced therefrom to define a region for receiving the at least one glass element,

wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the additional pane to be disposed in a first position proximate the at least one glass element and a second supported position different than the first position and spaced from the first position.

Claim 18 (Original): The fixing of claim 17, wherein the safety element is coupled to the support with a fastener.

Claim 19 (Original): The fixing of claim 18, wherein the fastener is received in aligned bores in the support and safety element.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A fire-resistant glazing assembly comprising:

a support;

a safety element coupled to the support and spaced therefrom;

a first glass sheet disposed between the support and the safety element; and

a second glass ~~sheet~~; sheet,

wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the second glass sheet to be disposed in a first position proximate the first glass sheet and a second supported position spaced from the first position.

Claim 21 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the first glass sheet comprises a bore, and the safety element is coupled to the support with a fastener that extends therethrough.

Claim 22 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 21, wherein in the first position the second glass sheet is bonded to the first glass sheet.

Claim 23 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the safety element comprises a first portion sealed to the first glass sheet and a second portion remote from the first glass sheet.

Claim 24 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 23, wherein the second glass sheet comprises a bore with an inner diameter, the first portion has a first outer diameter, and the inner diameter is larger than the first outer diameter.

Claim 25 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 24, wherein the second portion has a second outer diameter, and the inner diameter of the bore is smaller than the second outer diameter.

Claim 26 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the first glass sheet comprises at least two sheets.

Claim 27 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 26, wherein the at least two sheets are bonded together.

Claim 28 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the first glass sheet comprises a pane of laminated glass.

Claim 29 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein at least one of the first and second glass sheets is prestressed or partially prestressed.

Claim 30 (Original): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the first glass sheet is separated from the support by a seal.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A fixing for supporting a composite glazing formed of at least one glass element and an additional pane, the fixing comprising:

a support;

a safety element coupled to the support and spaced therefrom to define a region for receiving the at least one glass element,

wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the additional pane to be disposed in (1) a first position proximate the glass element and (2) a support position spaced from the first position and supported by the safety element.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A fire-resistant glazing assembly comprising:

a support;

a retaining element coupled to the support;

a first glass sheet disposed between the support and the retaining element; and

a second glass sheet assembled to the first glass ~~sheet~~; sheet.

wherein the support does not directly contact the second glass sheet and the retaining element is configured and dimensioned to permit the second glass sheet to be disposed in (1) a first position proximate the first glass sheet and (2) a second position spaced from the first position while supported by the retaining element.

Claim 33 (New): The fixing of claim 1, wherein the retaining element is configured and dimensioned to permit the additional pane to be disposed, in the first position proximate the glazed element and the second supported position spaced from the first position, between the glazed element and the retaining element.

Claim 34 (New): The fixing of claim 17, wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the additional pane to be disposed, in the first position proximate the at least one glass element and the second supported position spaced from the first position, between the at least one glass element and the safety element.

Claim 35 (New): The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the second glass sheet to be disposed, in the first position proximate the first glass sheet and the second supported position spaced from the first position, between the first glass sheet and the safety element.